

CLAIM OR CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising a water-in-oil (W/O) emulsion having a discontinuous aqueous phase dispersed in a continuous oil phase, the continuous oil phase of the W/O emulsion comprising a linear silicone polyether, an α,ω -diene crosslinked silicone elastomer, and a nonionic organic emulsifier, the W/O emulsion being free of silicone elastomers prepared using unsaturated compounds containing silicon atoms.

2. A composition according to Claim 1 in which one of the discontinuous aqueous phase of the W/O emulsion or the continuous oil phase of the W/O emulsion contains a water soluble active ingredient or an oil soluble active ingredient, respectively.

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3. A composition according to Claim 2 in which the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of Vitamin B₁, Vitamin B₂, Vitamin B₆, Vitamin B₁₂, niacin, folic acid, biotin, pantothenic acid, Vitamin E, Tocopherol, α -Tocopherol, β -Tocopherol, γ -Tocopherol, Δ -Tocopherol, Tocophersolan, Tocopheryl Acetate, Tocopheryl Palmitate, Tocopheryl Linoleate, Tocopheryl Nicotinate, Tocopheryl Succinate, and mixtures thereof.

4. A composition according to Claim 1 in the continuous oil phase of the W/O emulsion contains 0.2-3.0 percent by weight of the linear silicone polyether, 0.2-10 percent by weight of the α,ω -diene crosslinked silicone elastomer, and 0.1-4.0 percent by weight of the nonionic organic emulsifier, the balance of the W/O emulsion containing a solvent and water.

5. A composition according to Claim 4 in which the solvent is a volatile cyclic alkyl siloxane with the formula $(R''''_2SiO)_d$ or a volatile linear alkyl siloxane with the formula $R''''_3SiO(R''''_2SiO)_eSiR''''_3$ in which R'''' is an alkyl group containing 1-6 carbon atoms, d is 3-6 and e is 0-5.

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6. A composition according to Claim 5 in which the solvent is selected from the group consisting of hexamethylcyclotrisiloxane, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, decamethylcyclopentasiloxane, dodecamethylcyclohexasiloxane, hexamethyldisiloxane, octamethyltrisiloxane, decamethyltetrasiloxane, dodecamethylpentasiloxane, tetradecamethylhexasiloxane, and hexadecamethylheptasiloxane.